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1. THE THIRD EDITORIAL IN THE AUGUST 9 TORONTO STAR,
"YUKON PIPELINE IS RISKY GAMBLE," CALLED TRUDEAU'S
DECISION TO PUSH FOR YUKON PIPELINE AS SENSIBLE BUT
A "CALCULATED GAMBLE." THE STAR DEFINES THE GAMBLE AS
WHETHER A MACKENZIE DELTA LINK TO THE YUKON LINE WILL
PROVE FEASIBLE AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT CANADA "WOULD
STILL BE FACED WITH SOLVING ITS OWN NATURAL GAS PROBLEM
IF A LINK COULD NOT BE BUILT TO THE MACKENZIE DELTA."

2. QUOTE: SO CANADA HAS TO HANG TOUGH IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS. THE PIPELINE COMPANY SHOULD SET UP A SPECIAL FUND -- DOLS 200 MILLION HAS BEEN SUGGESTED IN GOVERNMENT INQUIRIES -- TO COMPENSATE NORTHERN NATIVES FOR THE SOXIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. CANADA SHOULD ARRANGE A GAS SWAP WITH THE US, EXCHANING UNCLASSIFIED

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THE CURRENT ALBERTA GAS SURPLUS FOR FUTURE GAS FROM ALASKA. CANADA SHOULD ALSO BE RELIEVED OF GAS EXPORT COMMITMENTS ONCE THE PIPELINE IS BUILT. CANADIAN ENGINEERS, CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES AND MATERALS SHOULD BE USED IN THE PART OF THE PIEPLINE RUNNING THROUGH CANADA. AND CANADIAN ACCESS TO THE PIPELINE FOR A MACKENZIE LINK SHOULD BE CLEARLY SPELLED OUT.

THIS IS NOT A CASE OF CANADA TRQNG TO TAKE THE AMERICANS FOR A RIDE. AS THE PRIME MINISTER SAID, IT'S A MATTER OF GETTING THE MOST REASONABLE DEAL FOR CANADA. AFTER ALL IS SAID, THE PIPELINE COULD STILL END UP BEING NOTHING MORE THAN A BENEFIT FOR THE UNITED STATES. UNQUOTE. CANTWELL

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